Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, For millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history, and to accomplish this task, they have relied on scribes; and,

Whereas, The profession of scribes was born with the rise of civilization and was present with our Nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and,

Whereas, Since the advent of shorthand machines, scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and,

Whereas, Court reporters are present in Congress, preserving members' words and actions; and,

Whereas, Court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and,

Whereas, Court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and,

Whereas, Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record:

Now, Therefore, We, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11-18, 2017, as

COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State